Swadeshi Cotton Mills

†4944. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India are going to provide Central pay scales and all the facilities of (N.T.C.) to the workers of Swadeshi Cotton Mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) to (c) No Sir, there is no such proposal. Wages of the workers in textile industry are decided as per settlement and awards under the Region-cum-Industry basis.

Persons employed in the Powerloom Sector

†4945. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons employed in the powerloom sector and in the organized and unorganized sectors;

(b) to what extent, the duty was received from the industry prior to the enforcement of the CENVAT and the extent of increase therein following the enforcement of the CENVAT; and

(c) the details of effects on production following the enforcement of CENVAT in the powerloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) The total number of persons estimated to be employed in the powerloom sector and organized and unorganized sectors of the textile industry as on 31-3-2003 is as under:

(i) Powerloom Sector:	42.32 lakh
(ii) Cotton Man-made Textiles (Spg. & Composite Mills)	9.99 lakh

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